

lane width specifications since 1997-98. Improvement of formation has been completed in 130 km length and surfacing has been completed in 125 km length.

Shimla-Chargaon State Highway as National Highway

† 4521. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a number of letters from Members of Parliament to develop Shimla-Chargaon State Highway as a National Highway;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government would undertake the said work on priority basis keeping in view of the geographical conditions there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C.

KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir. No such reference has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Construction and repair of Roads in Bihar

† 4522. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal received from Department of Road Construction of the Bihar Government to the tune of total Rs. 673.67 crores for construction and repair of various roads; and

(b) if so, whether sanction is likely to be given during 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C.

KHANDURI]: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.